

## CSZ Ritual Schedule

Each week, CSZ provides a minimum of four opportunities for you to observe Shabbat within the community. Here is the schedule.

### First Shabbat of the month

- Friday evening, 8:15 pm, ma'ariv service
- Saturday morning, 9:15 am, Torah study
- Saturday morning, 10 am, shacharit service
- Saturday afternoon, 1 pm, meditation observance

### Second Shabbat of the month

- Friday evening, 8:15 pm, ma'ariv service
- Saturday morning, 9:15 am, Torah study
- Saturday morning, 10 am, "traditional" shacharit service, including Torah reading
- Saturday afternoon, 1 pm, meditation observance

### Third Shabbat of the month

- Friday evening, 8:15 pm, ma'ariv service
- Friday evening, 7:15 pm, zemirot (singing) service alternating with 8:15 ma'ariv service, at the home of an East Bay member
- Saturday morning, 9:15 am, Torah study
- Saturday morning, 10 am, shacharit service
- Saturday afternoon, 1 pm, meditation observance

### Fourth/Final Shabbat of the month

- Friday evening, 8:15 pm, ma'ariv service, including Torah reading and ASL interpretation
- Saturday morning, 9:15 am, Torah study
- Saturday morning, 10 am, "creative" shacharit service
- Saturday morning, 10:30 am, Tot Shabbat service, at the home of a member
- Saturday afternoon, 1 pm, meditation observance

## It's Not Too Late

### Open Hand for the Holidays

It's not too late to open your hearts, roll up your sleeves and pitch in for the annual Jewish community's support of Project Open Hand during the Christmas holiday. Every year, CSZ and Jewish Family and Children's Services fill the 124 volunteer slots needed to bring hot and healthy meals to people living with AIDS. You can sign up to prepare, package or deliver meals on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. This allows most of the regular volunteers peace of mind over the holidays, knowing that their jobs will be filled on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This year will be really special because Christmas falls on Shabbat. So make this year a Project Open Hand year by signing up for this mitzvah. Call Dahlia (575-4961) to sign up before December 6.

Happy Chanukah!



## Save the Date

### CSZ Chanukah Celebration

This Chanukah party will have something for everyone! Arts and crafts for the young and the young-at-heart, Israeli dancing, a latke (potato pancake) and sufganiot (jelly donuts) baking extravaganza, and, of course, lighting the menorah with friends and family. Join us at 6 pm on December 4, 1999 for the festivities. Please bring latke and sufganiot recipes from Bubbe and Zeide and your favorite menorah and candles.

## Annual Nominating Process at CSZ

—Paul Cohen

The annual nominating process for new officers and members of the Va'ad is carefully designed to insure the broad interests and demographic diversity of our congregation. CSZ President David Gellman has selected the members of the 2000 committee and will bring their names for approval to the Va'ad meeting on December 13. Traditionally the committee includes a past president, a recent member of the Va'ad, previous members of the committee for continuity and at least one member new to the process.

In the spring of 2000, we will be electing two vice presidents, a treasurer and a recorder. Also, we will be filling three Va'ad seats for three-year terms and one Va'ad seat for a two-year term. The nominating process is part of our ongoing leadership development program, which includes active committee work, participation in leadership classes and attendance at an annual Advance.

Nominee recommendations are based on selecting candidates who can work toward consensus, who have a breadth of experience and have demonstrated their commitment to the congregation. We typically look at committee chairs, and active members who share the congregation's goals of building a strong community dedicated to Jewish learning, worship and service.

The Nominating Committee recommends a balanced slate to the congregation for election at the annual meeting in May. Members of the congregation who are interested in serving or who want to recommend someone for nomination are encouraged to provide this information to the committee via the synagogue office by February 1, 2000.

The process of selecting, nominating and electing capable members to our leadership reflects one of the strongest values of our community. We are proud that the result of this deliberative process is a Va'ad which reflects both our diversity and inclusivity.

## Transparencies

Each summer, CSZ holds its annual leadership retreat (which we progressively call our "Advance"), where members spend a weekend working together to address major issues of concern to the congregation, exchange ideas, pass on traditions, brainstorm, learn, worship, kvetch, get to know each other better and renew our spiritual connection to CSZ.

This year, over 60 members participated in a series of member-generated discussions on a wide range of issues. Many of the participants were eager to discuss what they perceive as a disconnect between the leadership and the members of the congregation. Discussion group titles included: "Balancing Formal and Informal Leadership Structures," "Changing Dynamics Within CSZ and Facilitating Communication Between Leadership and the Rest of the Congregation" and "Balancing Our Minhag With Democracy."

By the end of the weekend, we returned home renewed, invigorated and with a new shared commitment: to re-examine and publicize our existing leadership and decision-making structures, both formal and informal; to retain what works and is desired by our membership and to retire what we have outgrown; to develop new structures more appropriate to the size of our congregation and desires of our membership; and to find ways to make the leadership more visible and accessible to the congregation.

Given our desire to make the structure of our decision-making processes more transparent, I would like to describe the process through which we have sought to engage an interim rabbinic counselor and consultant, which differs significantly from the process we will employ to engage a permanent rabbi for CSZ.

The process began with a discussion among the president, the vice presidents, the administrator and the chairs of the Ritual and Personnel Committees, to define the position. Next, through our contacts with the UAHC and the general Jewish community, we sought out potential candidates. As we received



David Gellman

resumes, we scheduled interviews and verified references. When we finally met a candidate who satisfied our criteria, we made a recommendation to the Va'ad. The Va'ad asked for further information; the Personnel Committee returned to the Va'ad with negotiated details concerning contract duration, working hours, included and excluded services, etc.

The extreme scarcity of rabbinical talent available for a temporary position dictates a process which is fast and flexible, yet sensitive to the needs of the membership and the spirit of our community. Because the position is temporary, the task is one of searching for someone who will provide essential services to our members until a permanent rabbi joins us, hopefully by July of next year. With candidates generally available only part-time, our primary goal is to provide counseling and support for members who are in distress, suffering a loss, ill or otherwise in need of spiritual care and guidance. While we hope the interim rabbinic counselor and consultant will also be available to assist in adult and children's education, in birth, death and conversion

lifecycles, and occasionally participating in services, our first objective must be to provide our members with appropriate pastoral care.

I fully acknowledge that this process does not allow for the kind of member participation we will solicit when we choose our permanent rabbi. But the objectives of the two searches are sufficiently different, the time constraints so narrow, and the limitations of the temporary employment market so strict, that it is necessary for the congregation to accept the judgment of the leadership.

I cannot predict whether you will be pleased or unhappy with the process outlined above. But I want you to be informed of what we are doing and why. The officers, committee chairs, Va'ad members and I have pledged to continue our efforts to make the processes by which decisions are made at CSZ more transparent and participatory. It is necessary and appropriate for you to remind us when we lose sight of these goals, but equally important to offer your support and enthusiasm when you perceive that we are on the right track.

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## Chanukah

—Leslie Kane

Each year we remind our kids (and ourselves) that Chanukah was the first recorded battle for religious freedom. Commemorating events in the year 165 BCE, on the 25th of Kislev in the Jewish calendar, the outline of the story is very familiar. The Hellenized Syrians ruled Judea, forcing the Jews to accept their culture and religion. The Jews revolted, and after three years of guerilla warfare, led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers, the Jews captured the Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it. The miracle of the sacred oil lasting for eight days is recalled by lighting the Menorah, and the rededication is celebrated.

What was it about Greek culture and religion that was so distasteful to the Jews of 2000 years ago? Greek civilization represented progress. Art, architecture, music, philosophy, literature, science and mathematics flourished during the Greek empire. Yet the Hellenized Syrians, who considered themselves enlightened, attacked Judaism and stripped it of its symbolism. The Kabbalists note that the Hebrew name for Greece, Yavan, is spelled with three "straight" Hebrew letters—Yud, Vav and final Nun. Yavan's goal was to create a culture that was clean, straight and devoid of substance, the opposite of the Jewish life of the times, which was rich with symbol and meaning.

Antiochus Epiphanus (Antiochus added the appellation God to his name) waged a war on Jewish culture by outlawing five key elements of Jewish life. Torah study, the very core of the Jewish people, was prohibited. Shabbat observance was suppressed as well. The Greeks viewed the human body as perfect and thus targeted circumcision for prohibition. Antiochus decreed the Jewish lunar calendar illegal, making it difficult to calculate the occurrence of Jewish festivals and barring the celebration of Rosh Hodesh.

Antiochus also decreed that every Jewish bride, on her wedding night, submit to a state-sanctioned rape by the regional governor. The decree was intended to break the spirit of the Jews, but Jews simply stopped marrying.

Contrary to the traditional account of the Maccabee revolt, a midrash suggests that women, outraged by this at-

tempt to defile them, were responsible for the Jewish revolt. Judah Maccabee's sister, Hannah, was to be married. Their father, Mattiyahu, threw an elaborate wedding feast and invited prominent Judean leaders. Hannah suddenly tore off her wedding dress, exposing her nakedness. Her brothers rushed to kill her for shaming their family, but she admonished them by pointing out that their haste to kill her did not compare to their willingness to allow her to be raped. Hannah challenged her brothers to avenge her as Jacob's daughter Dinah was avenged by her brothers, Simon and Levi.

Realizing Hannah's wisdom, the Maccabees plotted with Hannah to set the stage for the revolt against the Syrians. With great ceremony they brought Hannah, in her finest garments, to the palace. Declaring that they were the sons of Mattiyahu, the High Priest, and that it was not fitting that their sister be given to a mere regional governor, they demanded that the King himself perform the rape. The King agreed. Accompanying Hannah to the royal bed chamber, the Maccabees killed the King and then stormed the palace, killing ministers, guards and servants. Thus the guerilla war against religious oppression began.

The proponents of one of the cultures that shaped Western civilization insisted on assimilation into a way of life that venerated the primacy of the individual rather than the supremacy of God. They were defeated by a poorly-equipped and vastly outnumbered army of Jews who believed that Torah and the richness of Jewish observance were worth the fight. It is ironic that Chanukah, of all the Jewish holidays, is the most secularized, almost devoid of any spiritual connection. This Chanukah we should return to our roots and reaffirm, like the Jews of ancient times, the importance of Torah and Jewish observance in our lives.

## Adult Education

On Saturday evening, October 23, Gad Beck electrified the large audience in our sanctuary with stories and personal recollections of his days as a resistance fighter in Berlin during the Nazi era and WWII. He was assisted by Allison Brown, the translator of his book, *An Underground Life*, who provided some translation and some cultural interpretation of the stories. She also read excerpts from the book. Gad's spirit and charisma were evident throughout the evening while he evoked the tenor and feeling of those times.

We would like to thank our co-sponsors, Beth Shalom Gay and Lesbian Havurah, The Metropolitan Community Church and A Different Light Bookstore, for helping make this event a success. Special thanks to Ron Edelman and the entire Adult Education Committee and to Leslie Kane, Dahlia Gross and Mark Gershman, for helping with Gad's social schedule, assisting on the day of the event and for leading a beautiful Havdalah service.

We would also like to thank Rabbi Zari Weiss for her wonderful class, Tefilah Sh'b'lev. The class explored classical modes of prayer, alternative modes of prayer and ways to use the siddur as a departure point for personal prayers of the heart.

The December meeting of the Adult Education/Talmud Torah committee will be on December 14 at 7 pm at the synagogue.

### New Class for the Winter Term:

#### Migrant Cuisine and Culinary Assimilation

Our ancestors often moved (not by their own choice) from their homes and homelands, roaming from country to country and region to region. Recipes were adapted and new dishes created to reflect a new homeland. Join us on Sunday January 16, February 20, and March 26 from 3pm–6pm to create and enjoy Jewish cuisine from Italy, Greece and the Middle East. In this cooking class, you can enjoy some hands-on experience or if you prefer, sit back and watch. In each class, 2–3 dishes will be created and consumed. Cost is \$15, limited to ten "cuisinophiles." Those interested should contact Prudence Carter (925/543-9725).

### Yizkor Elohim

Forrest Kincaid

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## October Va'ad Minutes

Ami Zusman gave the devar torah on Parashat Noach, noting God's attention to eco-diversity and total disregard for human diversity or human preservation. Ami wrestled with this tragic event in the face of Jewish teaching which emphasizes the inherent value of each individual human being and suggested that we might read the text as a reminder to preserve all of the world's diversity.

The minutes of the September Va'ad meeting were amended to include the unanimous approval of a \$1,000 donation to Ruach Ami, the Bay Area Healing Center, in appreciation of its services.

David Gellman delivered the President's Report in several parts.

David has received feedback from committee chairs and others who make presentations to the Va'ad. Lisa Katz and Rob Tat will develop a "So—You're coming to a Va'ad meeting..." preparatory sheet for presenters.

Va'ad members will begin an annual phone check-in with all members. Administrator Lea Salem reports that checking in annually has been very useful for synagogues to foster good will and a sense of congregational inclusion.

CSZ has been asked to give mailing labels to Berkeley Midrasha, the East Bay Jewish high school in which some of our post-b'nai mitzvah students participate. Historically, we don't give out labels as we keep members' information confidential. Last year we gave mailing labels for members with children to Midrasha. We have occasionally given out labels in other instances with the approval of the Va'ad and we are required to give a member listing to the UAHC. The Va'ad will send members a letter giving them an opportunity to opt out of any non-CSZ mailings we approve in the future other than with the UAHC. We will ask the Membership Committee to revise the application to give members the opportunity to opt-out. The Va'ad voted to give Midrasha the same batch of mailing labels that we did last year.

David presented a request for support of the completion of a film about two older Jewish lesbians. David will make the video clip available and invite people to share it with others in the congregation who might be interested in supporting the film.

Ami Zusman gave the Membership report. A motion to approve three new member households was unanimously carried. Discontinuing households for the year number 43; the Membership Committee will try to contact each of these households. Lea reported our membership is down by 15%, but that dues pledges are at 98% of last year.

David Gellman presented the Personnel Committee's request to approve negotiations with a candidate for the interim rabbinic counselor and consultant position. This will be a half-time position focusing on pastoral care and counseling, life cycle events, adult education and, to a limited extent, Shabbat and festival rituals. Negotiations will be for a contract until July 2000 which may be terminated at any time by either party. The general consensus by those who have met or had contact with the candidate is positive. Areas of concern are the candidate's very recent ordination and affiliation outside of the Reform movement. Rabbi Berk from the UAHC did not feel that these presented problems. The interim rabbinic counselor and consultant will not be considered for the permanent rabbi position.

The president and Personnel Committee were given authorization to proceed with negotiations with the candidate and return to the Va'ad for final confirmation of hiring.

Lea Salem delivered the Program Director's report on behalf of Dahlia Gross. The Sukkot celebrations went very well and were a wonderful relationship builder with our Russian Jewish neighbors at the Notre Dame center. Gad Beck, gay Jewish Holocaust resis-

tance fighter spoke on October 23rd. A Sunday afternoon chamber music program with our Russian neighbors is being planned. Social Action has been active on many fronts. Trail Midrash resumed activities this month.

Lea Salem reported that High Holidays brought in \$53,000, \$44,000 from tickets. She expects another \$5,000 in donations to trickle in. High Holiday costs were \$27,000, leaving an approximate \$30,000 gain. Expenses were up about \$5,000 this year owing to additional childcare and kadimah costs, extra security and ASL interpretation. Lea also reported that the brochure about our sanctuary windows is now available.

James Carlson and Diana Buchbinder reported for the Rabbi Search Committee about CSZ's creating a housing assistance fund. The goal is for CSZ to become more attractive to potential rabbinical candidates by offering down payment assistance in this very difficult housing market. The Committee will do more research into how we would offer money, but there was general support for some kind of housing assistance fund and much enthusiasm for marking "yes" in the UAHC box asking if we provide housing support.

There was a brief closed session. We sang Oseh Shalom and wished each other good health.



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## Kadimah Corner

This issue, we want to introduce to you our Kitah Bet and Gimel teachers, Jennifer Markowitz and Jennifer Levinson. Jen M. has taught in religious schools in the Bay Area for over nine years, and she is in her third year at Kadimah. She is an alumna of Projects Otz Ma and Livnot U-Lehibanot. Jennifer L. is also a three-year veteran at Kadimah, and has continued to perfect her curriculum on multicultural Judaism and Jews from around the world. Jen speaks fluent Spanish, and has traveled several times to Guatemala on a program she helped found to aid Guatemalan Jews. We are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful teachers on our staff. Welcome back, Jen and Jen!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information on Kadimah teachers in future issues of the *JGF*.

Thanks also to the Bureau of Jewish Education and to Sinai Memorial Chapel, two organizations that assist our school year after year. We couldn't enjoy such success without their ongoing support.

#### Upcoming Events at Camp Newman

Camps Newman and Swig are hosting Winter Shabbat Retreats on the following dates. If you want to go, or just need more information, please contact Elise Fineberg (575-4962).

February 11-13, Grades 3 and 4,  
Camp Newman  
March 17-19, Grades 5 and 6, Camp  
Newman

## The Knight Initiative

*"Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."*

Please join Congregation Beth Shalom's Gay and Lesbian Havurah and Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for a special service in opposition to the Knight Initiative. Learn how to fight for your rights. Find out more about this initiative and what you can do to stop it. Also discuss same-sex marriage: what does the state say about it, what does traditional Judaism say about it and where are we now? The speaker and service is scheduled for December 18, 1999, 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1301 Clement St. (at 14th Avenue). Call Dahlia Gross at CSZ (575-4961) to RSVP or for more info.

## Kadimah Calendar

Here's what's going on in the month of December:

*Wednesday, December 1*—Regular Kadimah Hebrew classes

*Saturday, December 4*—Regular Kadimah classes

*Saturday, December 4*—All-Congregation Chanukah Party at CSZ

*Wednesday, December 8*—Regular Kadimah Hebrew classes

*Saturday, December 11*—Regular Kadimah classes

*Wednesday, December 15*—No Kadimah classes, winter break

*Saturday, December 18*—No Kadimah classes, winter break

*Wednesday, December 22*—No Kadimah classes, winter break

*Saturday, December 25*—No Kadimah classes, winter break

*Wednesday, December 29*—No Kadimah classes, winter break

*Saturday, December 31*—No Kadimah classes, winter break

## Tot Shabbat

Young children at CSZ celebrated Shabbat with their traditional Tot Shabbat service this October. In addition, Carolyn Pines, CSZ member and Tot Shabbat mom, brought her guitar and shared some new songs. Through songs and crafts, the children learned about Shabbat and brought home their own hand-crafted candleholders. Tot Shabbat is geared towards children 2-5 years of age and takes place at 10:30 am at CSZ on the fourth Saturday of every month.

## Social Action Calendar

*December 24 & 25*—Project Open Hand

*January 23*—Urban tree planting/gardening in honor of Tu b'Shvat

*February*—TBA

*March 17*—Tenderloin Senior Luncheon

*April 30*—Sukkot in April

Call Laura Lowe (247-2409) or Allan Berenstein (863-8033), Social Action co-chairs, for more information.

## Jewish LGBT Students' Conference

The National Union of Jewish LGBT Students (NUJLS) announces the fourth annual National Jewish LGBT Student Leadership Conference, February 18–20, 2000, in Austin, TX. It will be hosted by the University of Texas Hillel and the campus Jewish LGBT student group.

"There is something really amazing about scores of proud and confident Jewish LGBT students coming together for a weekend of learning, networking and having fun," said Bernard Cherkasov, Executive Director of NUJLS. "The national conference is setting the standard for addressing the needs of LGBT students of faith, and we are proud to be in the forefront of doing it."

Geoffrey Bleeker, a student of Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Texas, will chair the upcoming conference. "Our community has been ready for an event of this caliber, so we're excited to have this opportunity to showcase our progressive spirit," he noted.

The national conference will feature workshops on topics including human rights, religion, activism, social justice and leadership, national speakers, text study, networking opportunities, enter-

tainment and more. Applications can be requested after December 1, 1999 by emailing [nujls98@hotmail.com](mailto:nujls98@hotmail.com).

For more details, please contact [nujls98@hotmail.com](mailto:nujls98@hotmail.com) or Bernard Cherkasov, NUJLS Executive Director ([bcherkasov@hotmail.com](mailto:bcherkasov@hotmail.com) or 617/254-8590) or Geoffrey Bleeker, NUJLS National Conference Chairperson ([gbleeker@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:gbleeker@mail.utexas.edu) or 512/495-5395).

## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Mark Miller and Lida Pejman

Michael Hockman

David Maltz

Reuben Zellman

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

## Tenderloin Luncheon

Jewish seniors living in the Tenderloin and surrounding neighborhoods were treated to lunch during the High Holidays. CSZ, along with other Jewish organizations, is responsible for hosting two luncheons a year geared toward bringing food and Jewish nourishment to this population. The program is sponsored by Jewish Family and Children Services and gives Jewish agencies the opportunity to sponsor meals specifically for Jewish seniors at the North of Market Senior Service. CSZ was fortunate this year to host a pre-Yom Kippur lunch. Our members not only prepared and served food but were given the opportunity to share the rituals appropriate for this season. In addition, CSZ member Nathan Robinson delivered a drash especially in honor of the event.

Our gratitude goes to Allan Berenstein, Florence Nacamulli and Nathan Robinson. Thank you also to Church Street Flowers and Noe Valley Bakery for their generous donations. The CSZ Social Action committee will be sponsoring another Tenderloin luncheon this spring.

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## Y2K Fever

What is the Jewish perspective on the apocalyptic predictions concerning this New Year's Eve and what does it have to do with Shabbat? Come learn about Messianism and the apocalyptic zealots who are buying one-way tickets to the Holy Land. Rachel Brodie, Jewish educator, lecturer and writer, will speak at CSZ on Tuesday, December 16 at 7 pm on these topics and how we as American Jews choose to relate to them.

On Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 pm, a trained emergency officer will present information on Y2K and emergency preparedness. Each participant will put together an emergency kit to take home. The cost will be \$30-40, depending on the size of the household. You must RSVP to Dahlia (575-4961) if interested.

## High Holiday Food Drive a Huge Success

Congratulations and thank you to CSZ members and guests for this year's successful High Holiday food drive. We filled eight fifty-five gallon barrels for Project Open Hand. The 1600 pounds of food will be given to people living with symptomatic HIV and AIDS. The generosity demonstrated by our members and guests is a mitzvah of which we can all be proud.

## We Raced for the Cure

On October 17, CSZ members joined thousands of runners, walkers and fundraisers for the annual San Francisco Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure, the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation's major fundraiser. The Foundation, founded in 1982 by Nancy Goodman Brinker, sister of Susan G. Koman, is a volunteer organization devoted to raising and allocating funds for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. This was CSZ's first year sponsoring a team. We ran, we walked, we shmooved, we ate, we prayed for those who died of breast cancer and those suffering from breast cancer and we raised money for a good cause.

The CSZ team was composed of the following participants: Allan Berenstein, Dahlia Gross, Debra Yates, Elizabeth Wilson, Alan Gordon, Lee Rubin, Laura Lowe and Lucky the wonder dog.

## I Thought You'd Want to Know....

—Mike Rankin

I've just returned from a meeting in New York of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. We considered issues as diverse as the impact of sanctions on the people of Iraq and Cuba, and the dangers and advantages of genetic engineering of foods (did you know that in the future your tomatoes may contain chicken genes—or even (gasp!) pork genes?!). But there were three matters of particular importance to our members, and I want to share those with you.

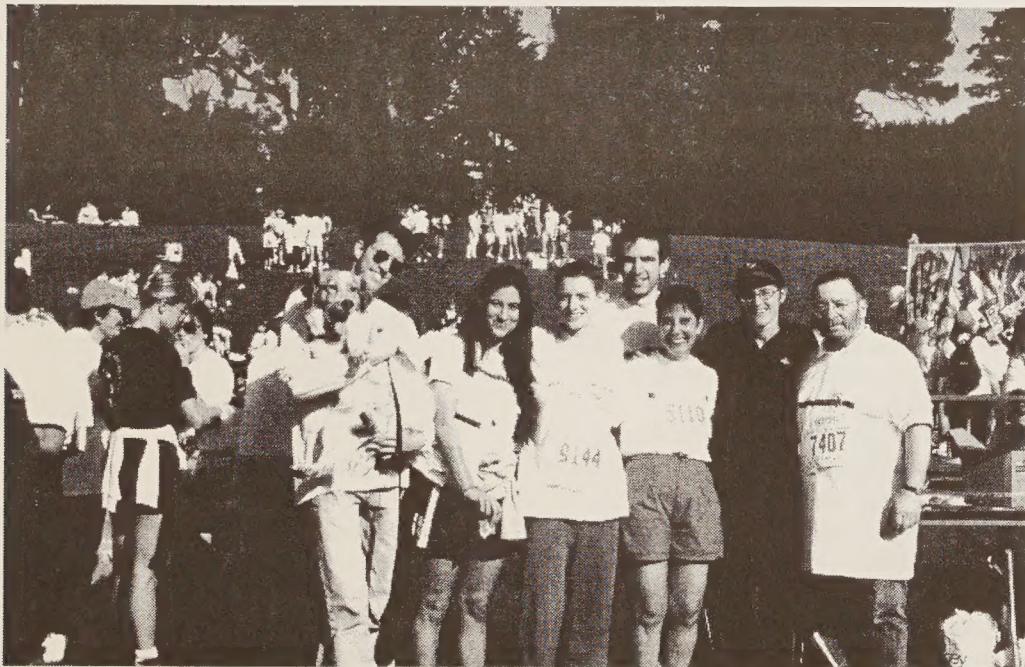
First, the Union of American Hebrew Congregation—our parent organization—has filed an amicus brief in support of James Dale in his suit against the Boy Scouts of America, seeking to end the BSA's homophobic policy denying gay boys and men the right to be scouts, scout masters or employees of the BSA. Lawyers from our Religious Action Center will be at his side, and will assist him and his attorneys when the suit is heard in court. A recent *Advocate* covers the issue in detail.

Second, the UAHC is strongly and publicly opposing the Knight Initiative. National and local leaders of our movement are encouraging congregations and individual Jews to give to the No on Knight Campaign.

Finally, though the press reported that only gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Christians were at the Lynchburg meeting with Jerry Falwell, there were also two gay Reform Jews in their number. Phil Deitch, from St. Louis, is a member of the Commission on Social Action. He shared with us a moving insider's view of what happened last weekend. Among other things, he and his colleague offered Shabbat blessings to the gathering of the 200 GLBT participants on Friday night. He also told us that even though the rabbi of the Lynchburg congregation was on sabbatical and out of the state, when he heard of the meeting with Falwell, he returned home to make certain his congregation's voice was heard and that his congregants offered home hospitality, both to Christians and Jews. Asked whether he thought Falwell's *teshuvah* was sincere, Phil said only time will tell.

It always feels good to be a Jew. This week it felt incredibly good.

I thought you'd want to know.



Lee Rubin and Lucky, Dahlia Gross, Elizabeth Wilson, Alan Gordon, Laura Lowe, Debra Yates and Allan Berenstein race for a cure on October 17.

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Paul Cohen, in honor of Daphne Stuart.

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Allan Berenstein, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Batya Kalis and Miriam Trentman, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Merry Luskin, in memory of Leo Luskin. Lea Salem and Lisa Ochs, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Sharyn Saslafsky, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

David Stein and Alex Ingersoll, in memory of Albert and Fannie Stein and in memory of Edward and Viola Ingersoll.

Eli Weinstein, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Randy Weiss, in honor of Daniel Chesir.

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### Children's Education Fund

Batya Kalis and Miriam Trentman, in honor of Phyllis Mintzer.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Dolores Urban.

### General Fund

Donald Abrams.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Gerta Kassner.

Allan Berenstein, in honor of the Building Committee.

Barbara and Robert Bernstein, in honor of Ray Bernstein.

James Carlson, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

James Carlson, in honor of Paul Cohen's receiving his Certification as an Outreach Fellow.

James Carlson, in honor of the 15th

anniversary of Jonathan Funk and John Arnold.

Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann, in honor of Arthur Cohen's birthday.

Ann Daniels and Jonathan Zingman, in honor of the 18th anniversary of their meeting.

Mark Gershman, in honor of Eddie Gershman's becoming a partner at Arthur Andersen.

Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara, in memory of Dorothy Tonn Gold.

Brian Jersky, in honor of the members of the Newsletter Committee.

Mark Klaiman and Virginia Donohue.

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser, in honor of Howard Steiermann's 40th birthday.

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser, in honor of the newly remodelled home of Ruth Rainero and Pieter de Haan.

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Marla Meislin, in memory of Bernard Pechter.

Florence and Steve Nacamulli, in memory of Brian Christianson.

Perry Paker, in memory of Isidor Paker.

Jeff Sherman, in memory of Ida and Joe Rosenthal.

Mike Siani-Rose, in honor of Elias Rose.

Linda Walker, in honor of Paul Cohen's receiving his Certification as an Outreach Fellow.

Steve Weiner, in honor of the 25th anniversary of David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

### Harvey Milk Social Action Fund

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Harry Berenstein.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of John Golebowski and Rabbi Ben Marcus.

### Library Fund

Lucy Bernholz, in memory of Gertrude Bernholz.

### Ritual Fund

Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann, in honor of Lyssa Friedman.

Nancy Meyer, in honor of Steve Weitz.

### High Holiday Contributions

Mike Abramson, in memory of Benjamin Abramson and Minnie Kronick.

Kimberly Bancroft.

Elliot Block, in memory of Tom Papera.

Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart, in honor of the amazing Ritual Committee.

Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann.

Robert Cohen.

Susan Colson and Maureen Anderson.

Lynn Eden and Ruth Schoenbach, in memory of Marilyn O'Keeffe.

Drs. David and Louise Fox, in honor of Heather Fox.

Julia Friedlander, in honor of Lucy Bernholz and Paula Fleischer's anniversary.

Martha Garber.

Schelly Gartner.

Steve Gaynes.

Donald Gerstman, in memory of Paul Gerstman.

Larry Horowitz.

Mel Lehrbaum, in honor of CSZ's lay leadership.

Ron and Ruth Miguel.

Drew Parker-Rose.

Hal Podgur.

Stephen Rosenthal.

Jeffrey Sherman and Deborah Udin, in honor of all the High Holiday Oneg and Break Fast volunteers.

Jeff Shuman.

Arthur Slepian, in honor of Mike Rankin, Sue Bojdak, Susan Unger and James Carlson.

David Stein and Alex Ingersoll.

Mark Troy, in memory of Ephraim Troy.

Randy Weiss, in honor of Lea Salem, Dahlia Gross, Elise Fineberg, Melanie Kushnir, Max McBride and Megan Saperstein.

### Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign

Rebecca Dixon, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Jerry Rosenstein, in honor of Al Baum's birthday.

Jerry Rosenstein, in honor of the 25th anniversary of Alex Ingersoll and David Stein.

Special thanks to Alex Ingersoll and David Stein for their contribution of a silver Torah breastplate in honor of their 25th anniversary.

## Oneg and Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in recent weeks:

10/8 Oneg by Jonathan Funk and John Arnold in honor of their 15th anniversary.

10/9 Oneg by Joyce Jacobson in honor of Adam Sigal's becoming Bar Mitzvah.

11/5 Oneg by the Membership Committee in honor of our new members.

11/12 Oneg by Leon and Lilah Groisser in honor of Sarita leading services.

11/19 Flowers by Randy Heilbrun in loving memory of his mother, Sylvia Heilbrun.

11/26 Oneg by Maxine Epstein and Geraldine Barr in honor of Adina and Ma'ayan's baby naming.

## Classifieds

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## Members' Yahrzeits

- |    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 4  | Marilyn O'Keeffe    |
| 9  | Isa Leah Cymrot-Wu  |
| 8  | David Glassberg     |
| 20 | Norman David Kramer |
| 29 | Allan Craig         |

## Naches

To Nancy Showen and Shelley Adler, on the birth of their daughter, Kate Carole Adler.

To Ilana Bernstein, Diane Desmond, Desmond and Anna, on the arrival of their new son and brother Malik Randall.

To Maxine Epstein and Geraldine Barr, on the naming of their daughters, Adina and Ma'ayan.

To Eric Temple and Garry Schermann, on their engagement.

To Kevin Slavin, on his new position as Assistant Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Hackensack University Medical Center. (We will miss you and Bill!).

To Sue Bojdak, on her new position as Case Manager at Hamilton Family Center.



## Anniversaries

- |    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 8  | Claudia Bernard and Howard Herman  |
| 8  | Thea Mauro and Pam Miller          |
| 12 | Pieter de Haan and Ruth Rainero    |
| 13 | Gabriele Kassner and Shelley Spiro |
| 22 | Bruce Henry and Pascal Peterson    |
| 29 | Ben Bank and Brian Jersky          |
| 31 | Lynn Eden and Ruth Schoenbach      |
| 31 | Laura Lowe and Karen Brandman      |
| 31 | Florence and Steve Nacamulli       |



## Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Mark Bowers, on the death of his nephew, Adam Granada.

Tony Harris, on the death of his friend, Marc Vernick.

Marc Wernick, on the death of his father, Ted Wernick.

## Do You Have Email?

*Drop us a line at*

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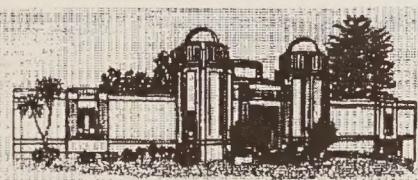
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## Lillie's Latkes

### Ingredients

3 medium potatoes  
1/4 onion  
1 to 2 eggs  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Serves 4 to 6

45 minutes to prepare



—Excerpted from Out of Our Kitchen Closets

**M**y great aunt Lillie was the kind of person the more staid members of Jewish society politely referred to as "a Real Character." She lived in Hollywood in a building right behind the Chinese Theatre. When, as a kid, I went to Los Angeles to visit relatives, one of the highlights would be a walk with Aunt Lillie down Hollywood Boulevard, where she would note, with obvious delight, the diversity of her neighborhood. Her favorite targets were, of course, the gays. "That's Florabelle," she'd say in an Ethel Merman kind of voice that could be heard in Pasadena. "Look at the way she swings that tukkus." When the walk home was over, there was still another treat: Lillie's latkes, which she grated by hand and cooked with love.

- Grate potatoes by hand through the smallest holes of the grater (no food processor). It should be thick and soupy.
- Grate about three to four tablespoons of onion, also through the smallest holes, and add to the potatoes.
- Add the eggs, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper and mix thoroughly.
- Melt the butter or margarine and fry tablespoon-sized patties to golden brown over medium heat.
- Serve hot with apple sauce, sour cream, and/or the preserves of your choice.

*Out of Our Kitchen Closets was published by CSZ in 1987. Copies are available from the office (861-6932).*

### CSZ Hebrew

New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in a while? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

*aliyah*—honor of being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read or chanted; also, when one moves to Israel

*amidah*—silent standing prayer

*auf ruf*—honor, such as an *aliyah*, for a couple about to be married

*bikkur cholim*—visiting the ill

*bimah*—the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

*b'nai mitzvah*—collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) *mitzvah*

*chavurah*—group of friends

*devar torah*—words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

*dor rishon*—first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

*erev*—evening

*gemilut chasadim*—acts of

loving-kindness

*havdalah*—ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and beginning of the week

*kabbalat Shabbat*—welcoming the Sabbath

*kaddish*—prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

*kadimah*—forward; CSZ religious school

*kiddush*—blessing over wine

*kippah*—head covering

*la'atid*—toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

*ma'ariv*—evening service

*mazel tov*—good luck; used to mean congratulations

*minchah*—afternoon service

*minhag*—custom

*mishpachah*—family

*mitzvah*—commandment; also

used to refer to a good deed

*motzi*—blessing over bread

*musaf*—additional service

*naches*—pride (this one is Yiddish, not Hebrew)

*oneg*—joy; the social hour

following Shabbat services

*oseh shalom*—maker of peace; we sing this at the end of CSZ services and meetings

*parashah*—weekly Torah portion (plural: *parashot*)

*Rosh Hashanah*—literally, head of the year; Jewish New Year

*Sh'aar Zahav*—Golden Gate

*Shabbat shalom*—Sabbath peace

*shacharit*—morning

*Shechinah*—in-dwelling presence of God; God's feminine essence

*Shoah*—the Holocaust

*tallit/tallis*—prayer shawl

*tikkun olam*—repair of the world

*todah rabah*—thank you very much

*tzedakah*—righteous act; Shabbat mitzvah of giving

*va'ad*—board or board of directors

*yahrzeit*—anniversary of a death

*Yom Kippur*—Day of Atonement

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## Birthdays

3 Sue Bojdak  
 3 Sophie Macks  
 4 Maxine Epstein  
 6 Dan Alpert  
 7 Rina Prussin  
 8 Rachel Lanzerotti  
 8 Merry Luskin  
 9 Sara Felder Noily  
 9 Chaya Rivka Mayerson  
 10 Cindy Icke  
 10 Debbie Levy  
 12 Bill Goldstein  
 12 Walter Leiss  
 13 Annie Downs  
 14 Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan  
 14 Isabel Lahn-Schroeder  
 15 Phil Charney  
 15 Ron Lezell  
 15 Nina Raff  
 17 Ian Fried  
 18 Leslie Kane  
 19 Thea Mauro  
 19 David Shaber  
 20 Michele Sullivan  
 22 Ellen Murland  
 23 Evan Kuluk  
 23 Jeffrey Piade  
 24 Max Blachman-Gentile  
 24 Yonah Levy  
 24 Drew Parker-Rose  
 25 G'dali Braverman  
 26 Anne Bluethenthal  
 26 Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe  
 26 Jose Luis Moscovich  
 26 Ruthy Talansky  
 27 Sophie Drukman-Feldstein  
 28 Allison Schaffer  
 29 Bernie Choden  
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*Vice President, Lyssa Friedman*

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 Naples  
 Bequests and Donations, Richard  
 Inlander  
 Bikur Cholim, forming  
 Bisexual Havurah, Jim Frazin  
 Book Group, Mark Mackler  
 Building and Grounds, Arthur Cohen  
 Bylaws, Richard Inlander  
 Cemetery, Richard Inlander  
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 Schaffer  
 Dor Rishon, open  
 Dues, open  
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## DECEMBER

**1** Wednesday  
22 Kislev

- 4 pm, Kadimah Hebrew class
- 5:30 pm Building and Grounds committee meeting

**2** Thursday  
23 Kislev

**3** Friday  
24 Kislev

Chanukah

- 4:33 pm, Candle lighting; Light first Chanukah candle
- 6:30 pm, Dor Rishon dinner
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Daniel Chesir and Judith Holiber

**4** Saturday  
25 Kislev

Shabbat Vayeshev

Chanukah

- 9:15 am, Torah study
- 9:30 am, Kadimah
- 10 am, Musical shacharit service, led by Sarita Groisser and Tiela Chalmers
- 1-2:15 pm, Meditation havurah
- 6 pm, Chanukah Party

**5** Sunday  
26 Kislev

Chanukah

- Noon, Klezmer band rehearsal

**6** Monday  
27 Kislev

Chanukah

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 6:30 pm, Children's Education Board meeting

**7** Tuesday  
28 Kislev

Chanukah

- 4 pm, Kadimah Hebrew class
- 7 pm, Newsletter editing

**9** Thursday  
30 Kislev

Chanukah

- 7:30 pm, Y2K Emergency Preparedness Kit class at CSZ.

**10** Friday  
1 Tevet

Chanukah

- 4:33 pm, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Larry Wexler and Mike Rankin

**11** Saturday  
2 Tevet

Shabbat Miketz

- 9:15 am, Torah study
- 9:30 am, Kadimah
- 10 am, Traditional shacharit service, led by Brian Besser
- 1-2:15 pm, Meditation havurah

**12** Sunday  
3 Tevet

- 6 pm, Newsletter layout and proofreading

**13** Monday  
4 Tevet

- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

**14** Tuesday  
5 Tevet

- 7 pm, Adult Education/Talmud Torah committee meeting

**15** Wednesday  
6 Tevet

- No Kadimah

**16** Thursday  
7 Tevet

- 7 pm, Rachel Brodie speaks at CSZ on Y2K and how American Jews relate to the apocalyptic predictions concerning the coming new year.

**17** Friday  
8 Tevet

- 4:34 pm, Candle lighting
- 7:15 pm, East Bay service, potluck and zemirot
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Kirsten Gustavson and Nicole Bloom

**18** Saturday  
9 Tevet

Shabbat Vayigash

- No Kadimah
- 9:15 am, Torah study
- 10 am, shacharit service
- 1-2:15 pm, Meditation havurah
- 7:30 pm, Special service in opposition to the Knight Initiative at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1301 Clement St., San Francisco.

**19** Sunday  
10 Tevet

- 4:30 pm, Klezmer band rehearsal

**20** Monday  
11 Tevet

**21** Tuesday  
12 Tevet

**22** Wednesday  
13 Tevet

- No Kadimah

**23** Thursday  
14 Tevet

- 6:30 pm, Ritual committee meeting

**24** Friday  
15 Tevet

- CSZ volunteers with Project Open Hand
- 4:37 pm, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Henry Mach and Robin Leonard

**25** Saturday  
16 Tevet

- Shabbat Vayechi
- No Kadimah
- CSZ volunteers with Project Open Hand
- 9:15 am, Torah study
- 10 am, Meditation-oriented shacharit service, led by Nicole Bloom
- 10:30 am, Tot Shabbat
- 1-2:15 pm, Meditation havurah

**26** Sunday  
17 Tevet

**27** Monday  
18 Tevet

**28** Tuesday  
19 Tevet

**29** Wednesday  
20 Tevet

- No Kadimah

**30** Thursday  
21 Tevet

**31** Friday  
22 Tevet

- 4:42 pm, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Howard Steiermann and Alan Gordon, Torah service, ASL-interpreted

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

### East Bay Services

December 17, 7:15 pm,  
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Ruth Rainero, soprano  
Randall Weiss, violin  
Rick Shinozaki, violin  
Janet Sims, viola  
Peter Gelfand, cello

Program:

Lullaby - G. Gershwin  
Along the Field (for soprano and violin) - R. Vaughn Williams  
Serenata (for violin and clarinet) - I. Hamilton  
Clarinet Quintet - W.A. Mozart



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Sunday, March 12, 2000, 4 pm

The Montclair Duo:

Randall Weiss, violin  
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Guest artist - Brian Gordon, flute

Program:

Duo for Violin and Viola in G Major - W.A. Mozart  
Passacaglia for Violin and Viola - Handel-Halvorsen  
Three Madrigals for Violin and Viola - B. Martinu  
Three Rags for Violin and Viola - W. Ryden  
Three Duets for Violin and Viola - B. Bartok  
Serenade for Violin, Viola and Flute - L. van Beethoven



## Baroque and Modern

Sunday, April 23, 2000, 4 pm

Musicians:

Randall Weiss, violin  
Amy Frost, cello  
Jonathan Baumgarten, flute  
Jonathan Salzedo, harpsichord

Program:

Duo for Violin and Cello - J. Haydn  
Sonata for Flute and Harpsichord in b minor - J.S. Bach  
Paris Quartet #12 - G.P. Telemann  
Duo for Violin and Cello - Z. Kodaly

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